

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listings of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.